

DECORATIVE COVER FOR CASKET SHELL FLANGE

Abstract of the Disclosure

A casket comprises a shell having a pair of opposed side walls and a pair of opposed end walls, the walls defining an upper edge of the shell, a lid closeable upon the edge of the shell and a cover securable to the shell and concealing the edge when the lid is open, the cover being at least semi-rigid. The cover preferably conceals only the edge of the shell. The casket can be fabricated of either wood or metal. If metal, the shell edge can carry a rubber gasket for sealing between the shell and the lid, the cover concealing the gasket. The cover can be fabricated from a plastic, cardboard, wood or metal. If plastic, the cover can be molded or extruded. If cardboard, the cover can be covered with a decorative fabric, painted or printed with decorative surface ornamentation. The casket can further include a means for removably securing the cover to the shell, for example, a press-fit connection between the cover and shell edge can be accomplished by utilizing a cover having a sufficient resilience and of such a configuration that the cover snaps onto the shell edge, the cover and shell edge can include studs and apertures, with either the cover or the shell carrying studs and the other having apertures therein which accept the studs, the cover and shell edge can utilize double-sided tape, or the cover and shell edge can utilize a hook and loop fastener. The cover can include an engraveable plate mounted thereon, or can itself be engraved with an inscription memorializing the deceased.